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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR FORMING STRONTIUM- AND/OR  
BARIUM-CONTAINING LAYERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation patent application of Serial No. 10/230,131 filed on August 28, 2002.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."